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Gov. Daugaard Requests Flags at Half Staff Wednesday in Honor of Fallen Soldier

PIERRE, S.D. ó Governor Dennis Daugaard requests that all flags in South Dakota be flown at half-staff on Wednesday, July 27, 2011, from 8 a.m. until sunset in honor of U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Lex L. Lewis of Rapid City, who was killed in combat July 15 in Afghanistan.

The recipient of a Purple Heart, Bronze Star and Combat Action Badge, Staff Sgt. Lewis was a cavalry scout with the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division.

A funeral service for Staff Sgt. Lewis, 40, will be held at Calvary Lutheran Church, 5311 Sheridan Lake Road in Rapid City at 10 a.m. MDT on Wednesday, July 27. Interment of his remains, with full military honors, will take place at 10 a.m. MDT Thursday, July 28, at the Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis.